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| **Competitor:** |  |
| **Chapter:** |  |
| **Submission Date:** |  |

**CONTEST RULES**

1. Each competitor will deliver an oration of not less than 5 nor more than 8 minutes’ duration. At least 75% of the oration, by volume, must be original. Each competitor must supply the judges with three double-spaced, typewritten copies of his oration. The oration must be delivered from memory (one page of outline-type notes or up to five 3 x 5 cards may be used without penalty).
2. Three judges will evaluate this competition and the scoring shall be determined by averaging the independent tallies of the judges. The judges may not confer on the scoring until after all competitors have competed and all scores are in.
3. Judging shall be predicated upon the following eight categories:
   1. Voice
   2. Physical appearance
   3. Speech structure
   4. Development
   5. Language
   6. Manner
   7. Speech value
   8. Effectiveness
4. Judges can penalize 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 penalties in each of these categories.
5. Oratorical Topic: “**4th Precept – Comradeship**”
6. Each competitor begins with 1,000 points.
7. The time standards and a minimum of 700 points must be met to be eligible to win the competition.

**QUALIFIED PERSONS STATEMENT**

This form must be signed by a DeMolay Advisor from your chapter and submitted to the Virginia DeMolay competitions advisor as a cover sheet for any contest materials.

Individuals qualified to participate in Virginia DeMolay competitions must be DeMolays who are active members in good standing of a Virginia DeMolay chapter. They must be under 21 years of age and may only represent one chapter in a particular Virginia DeMolay competition.

I CERTIFY ON MY HONOR THAT ALL PARTS PARTICIPATING IN THIS CEREMONY ARE QUALIFIED PERSONS.

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| **Signature:** |  |
| **Printed Name:** |  |
| **Title:** |  |

**SUMMARY SHEET**

The Evaluation Panel has very carefully evaluated your oration, and has rated you as shown. Details of your score are contained in the attached evaluation sheets. Please go over them carefully and ask the Virginia DeMolay competitions advisor to explain any portion you do not understand.

PERFECT SCORE 1000

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**SCORE**

**Perfect Score (1000) – Total Penalties ( ) = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**EVALUATOR #1**

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| **Evaluator:** |  |
| **Total Penalties:** |  |

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| Category | Penalties Allowed | Penalties Assessed |
| Voice | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Physical appearance | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Speech structure | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Development | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Language | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Manner | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Speech value | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Effectiveness | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
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**EVALUATOR #2**

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| **Evaluator:** |  |
| **Total Penalties:** |  |

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| Category | Penalties Allowed | Penalties Assessed |
| Voice | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Physical appearance | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Speech structure | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Development | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Language | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Manner | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Speech value | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Effectiveness | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Total |  |  |
| Comments |  |  |
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**EVALUATOR #3**

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| **Evaluator:** |  |
| **Total Penalties:** |  |

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| Category | Penalties Allowed | Penalties Assessed |
| Voice | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Physical appearance | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Speech structure | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Development | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Language | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Manner | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Speech value | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
| Effectiveness | 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 |  |
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